



# FACT SHEET



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## AF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



The Air Force Emergency Management Program, formerly known as the Full Spectrum Threat Response (FSTR) program, provides guidance on organizational roles and responsibilities when responding to hazardous incidents.

The overall program is managed by the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, Tyndall AFB, Fla., and includes subject matter experts from the medical, bioenvironmental, security forces, explosive ordnance disposal, fire, readiness and aircrew life support communities.

The primary mission of the EM Program is to save lives, minimize the loss of resources and sustain and restore combat and combat support capabilities when a physical threat occurs on an Air Force installation. EM assets can be extended into

US civilian communities at the request of civilian authorities if there is an imminent and potentially grave concern.

Physical threats can include enemy attacks with conventional weapons; attacks with weapons of mass destruction, or attacks using chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high explosive (CBRNE) devices.

Physical threats can also include natural and man-made disasters; major accidents; nuclear weapon accidents or incidents; public health emergencies and hazardous material release.

The EM program also supports homeland security operations and provides support to civil and host-nation authorities in accordance with DOD directives. The program incorporates in-garrison and deployed forces to implement homeland security, medical, counter-CBRNE operations, antiterrorism, force protection and crisis and consequence management operations and requirements related to incident response and recovery operations.

The program traces its roots to the Cold War-era Air Force Disaster Preparedness Program. That program was reorganized as the FSTR Program after the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington to deal with a wider variety of potential threats and to better respond to natural disasters. It was renamed as the Emergency Management program in 2005.

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